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BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' STATEMENT REGARDING BOSTON MARATHON TRAGEDY

FREDERICK, MD – On behalf of the Frederick Board of County Commissioners, President Blaine Young issued the following statement regarding the tragedy that occurred in Boston, Mass., yesterday during the Boston Marathon:

“The explosions and horrendous tragedy that unfolded in Boston yesterday may have been many miles away in terms of actual distance, but here in Frederick County, Maryland, we felt the fear, shock and anguish that others experienced in a personal way. Someone attacked our countrymen and women and we feel their pain and their hurt just like it was our own. One of our county commissioners and his family were visiting in Boston, local runners had friends and family in the marathon, and just about everyone you talked to was afraid that something could strike nearby, bringing to remembrance the devilish deeds of September 11, 2001.

“We are grateful that from most accounts that we are aware of, our closest friends and family members escaped the ‘terrorist acts’ at the marathon. But, those who were injured are still in shock and grief as they are recovering. As Americans and as citizens from Frederick County, we extend our heartfelt sympathies and prayers to the families and loved ones of those whose lives were taken and of those who were hurt. We also recognize the heroic acts of the first responders and those who stepped up to help in so many ways. The spirit of camaraderie and selflessness prevailed as many have cared for those in need. That’s the American way and that’s what makes America great.

“As have our neighbors in counties surrounding our nation’s capitol, here in Frederick County we are asking our employees and citizens to be vigilant and careful in the aftermath of this tragedy. We wish to raise public awareness of any indicators of suspicious activity and ask that if you see something of concern, to say something to our law enforcement agencies.

“When the Board of County Commissioners meets tonight for a public hearing, we will all join in a moment of silence to pray for those killed and hurt in Boston and to pray for Divine protection over our nation and county. May God bless America and may God bless Frederick County.”

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